A Word from our President

Have you ever wondered about the birds and critters in your backyard? We have a triplet of large crows that I call The Three Sisters, whether or not they are females is unknown to me. On the other hand, as they are caw cawing to each other throughout the day, my husband reminds me that they are the smartest of our yard guests. Scientists, so he says, claim that crows are quite smart; I just wish they’d turn down the volume. Perhaps one of them is hard of hearing?

Those cute, little, very destructive chipmunks are another matter. They always seem to find a hole in which to dive whenever they suspect trouble. Have you ever seen a chipmunk dive into the ground and bounce back because there isn’t an entrance tunnel where anticipated? Me neither, but now I’m watching to see if any of those critters bounce off the grass because they misjudged!

Then there are the squirrels. They are such fun to watch as they make numerous attempts to enter the bird feeder instead of waiting for the seeds that the birds drop to the ground! Last winter, on one of the coldest of days, I was doing my laps when I noticed a brave squirrel climb out of his nest onto a bare limb. Why would he leave the warmth of his nest? I wondered. He was probably thinking the same of me! Then I decided to conjure up a story about that squirrel as I was swimming, and I imagined that he was sitting on the limb, reading glasses on his wee nose, ‘cuppa’ in hand and catching up on the morning news. So you see, even squirrels can enjoy reading (in my imagination).

Have you been enjoying some good books over the summer? We are blessed to have a wide variety of reading material in our library branches. We even have a reading contest for children and adults with some nifty prizes. Are you a winner?

Prizes or not, happy reading!

Barbara Dodson

Spotlight by the Friends

One-Day-Only Special at Harris Branch
Happy Soon-to-be-10 Birthday to our Harris Library. Patrons are invited to join the happy celebration on Monday, August 18. Drop by Harris and share a piece of cake and get a free DVD rental, and don’t forget to browse the book sale items. In honor of the day, the Friends are giving a big discount — 10 paperback books for a dollar!

Knitting Makes a Comeback!
In response to patron requests, knitting and crocheting classes are being offered at two locations.
Bittersweet Branch: The first Thursday and last Tuesday of each month, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Mishawaka Library: The second and fourth Saturday of each month, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Quilt Show at Main
The River Bend Quilting Guild will display more than 60 quilts made by the Guild’s members. Quilts will be on display at the Mishawaka Library from Thursday, August 21 through Saturday, August 23.

MUST Reads
by our Friends Readers

Cell by Robin Cook  The promise of groundbreaking medical science fused with edge-of-your-seat suspense is true! Barbara Dodson

Creating Magic: 10 Common Sense Leadership Strategies from a Life at Disney by Lee Cockerell
Let’s face it, no one does it better than Disney. Patti Fisher
Just a few of the programs
Sponsored by the Friends

See Calendar of Events for specifics @ mphpl.org

- 2014 Summer Reading Programs (K-6)
- Yak, Snack & Read Book Club Discussion
- Teen Summer Movie Series
- Wonders of Weather
- And many more!

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